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SUBJECT: JUNE 24 MTN PARENT GROUP MEETING

REF: MTN GENEVA 4375

1. SUMMARY. INFORMAL CONTACTS WTH MAJOR DELEGATIONS
INDICATE THAT ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL
INSTRUCTIONS, SUBJECT MEETING LIKELY TO BE LARGELY PRO FORMA
WITH NO NEW INITIATIVES OR CONTENTIOUS ISSUNDO.
END SUMMARY.

2. IN ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN TONE OF UPCOMP NTM PARENT
GROUP MEETING US DELEGATION INFORMALLY APPROACHED EC,
JAPAN (WADA), CANADA (DENIS), AUSTRALIA (SPENCER),
INDIA (CHADHA), AND BRAZIL (MEDEIROS). EC HAS NO POSITION
FOR MEETING AS YET AND, SINCE ABBOTT WILL BE IN WASHINGTON
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THAT WEEK, THEY ARE NOT SURE WHO WILL BE EC SPOKESMAN.

OTHER DELEGATIONS INDICATED THEY HAD LITTLE PLANNED FOR THIS MEETING OTHER THAN NOTING WORK OF SUBGROUPS AND PREPARING REPORT TO TNC, PROBABLY IN FORM OF CHAIRMAN SUMMING-UP WITH COVER NOTE. MENTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS (REFTEL), INCLUDING OTHER BUSINESS, PROVOKED LITTLE INTEREST.

3. ALTHOUGH CANADIAN DELEGATION HAS BEEN ACTIVELY LOBBYING TO DEVELOP SUPPORT FOR ADDING GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT TO MTN WORK PROGRAM, THEY ARE UNWILLING TO TAKE ACTIVE LEAD ROLE AT THIS TIME. INDIA INTENDS TO MAKE INTERVENTION REITERATING ITS INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT AND DESIRABILITY OF ADDING IT TO WORK PROGRAM. AUSTRALIA MAY MAKE OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO VARIABLE LEVIES AS AN NTB, BUT WILL NOT SUGGEST ADDING IT TO WORK PROGRAM.

4. CANADA AND JAPAN STILL INTERESTED IN ADDING ANTI-DUMPING TO WORK PROGRAM BUT BOTH AGREE MORE PROGRESS SHOULD BE MADE IN OTHER NTM AREAS BEFORE BEGINNING WORK ON THIS SUBJECT. BOTH OF THESE DELEGATIONS MAY RAISE ISSUE AGAIN IN FALL.

5. ON SUBJECT OF BILATERAL NTM NEGOTIATIONS JAPAN STATED DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING SOME PROCEDURES BUT HAD NO PROPOSALS TO MAKE AT THIS TIME. NO OTHER DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS AGENDA ITEM.

6. STATUS OF Q.R. CONSULTATIONS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT SUBJECT MEETING. TO DATE ON US, HONG KONG AND AUSTRALIA HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR LISTS, ALTHOUGH EC AND CANADIAN SUBMISSIONS EXPECTED SHORTLY. GATT SEC (KAUSER-SCHODER) INDICATED INFORMALLY THAT THEY FORESEE "TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES" IN SCHEDULING ROOMS AND TRANS-LATOR TO COMPLETE QR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE SUMMER BREAK. HE ADDED THAT PROBLEM EXACERBATED BY EXTENT OF US NOTIFICATION AND TARDY SUBMISSIONS BY OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS SITUATION LIKELY TO BE REPORTED FROM CHAIR IN COURSE OF MEETING. WALKER

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